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1. Young men between the ages of 17 and 25 are being conscripted throughout North Korea and sent to the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools.
2. Each district (?) in the Sinuiju (Shingishu) (124-24,40-06) area selects 500 persons between the ages of 17 and 25 to undergo training in Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools.
3. The Military Affairs Department of the North Korea Military Committee is in charge of military conscription for all the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools in North Korea.

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4. The Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools are now carrying on an intensive training program, with (Korean) troops participating in field combat exercises daily. A Soviet inspection group inspects each Peace Preservation Corps Officers School once a week.

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5. The General Headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools in North Korea is at Nanam (Nanan) (129-41,41-42). Note: Previously reported by another American agency: On 15 May, General Headquarters of Peace Preservation Corps Officers Training Centers in North Korea at Pyongyang /Heijo/ (125-44,39-01/.)

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6. The Commander in Chief of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools is CHOE Yong-kon (崔庸健). He was graduated from the Soviet Military School (in the USSR) served with the Soviet Military Committee (in the USSR) and returned to Korea after V-J Day. Note: CHOE, Yong-kon, Chairman of Korean Democratic Party in North Korea and head of the Prefectural Bureau.)

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7. The Vice Commanding Officer of the General Headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools in North Korea is MU Chong (武重). He was in command

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25X1 of the Korean Volunteer Army (朝鮮義勇軍) in Yenan (109-27,36-36) and the head of
25X1 the Korean Independence League (朝鮮民族解放同盟) in Yenan. He returned to
25X1 North Korea after V-J Day. [redacted] Note: [redacted] CHEN Lu-chong, Com-
25X1 manding Officer of Korean Independent Volunteer Army. [redacted] Note: Also
25X1 reported as KIM Il-on and KIM Lu-chong. [redacted]

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[redacted] 8. A "thought inspection" department is maintained in all Peace Preservation Corps
25X1 Officers Schools. Two or three "inspectors" undergo training with each class
of students to discover those students who have reactionary ideas.

[redacted] 9. The schools now known as Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools were ori-
25X1 ginally established in March 1946 and were first known as Political Schools.
These Political Schools had been established to indoctrinate the young Koreans
with Communistic ideas and to give them military training.

[redacted] 10. The important members of the staffs of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers
25X1 Schools are mainly Koreans who received training in the Soviet Political Schools
in the USSR or in the Eighth Route Army Military and Political School at Yenan.
25X1 These instructors are intelligent and possess considerable ability. The other
members of the staff are from the local areas. Their ability is considerably
less than that of the important members of the staffs.

[redacted] 11. The total number of graduates of the Peace Preservation Officers Schools
25X1 and the students receiving training in the schools is approximately 130,000.

[redacted] 12. Graduates of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools have usually
been assigned duty in the southern part of North Korea in the vicinity of
the 38th parallel. Some have been assigned as instructors in Peace Preser-
vation Corps Units. Some of the exceptional students have been sent for
training to the Central Peace Preservation Officers School in Pyongyang. This
is the only school in North Korea engaged in training Korean soldiers to
become officers in the Peace Preservation Corps Units.

Central Peace Preservation (Corps?) Officers School in Pyongyang

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[redacted] 13. The Central Peace Preservation Officers School in Pyongyang is the only
25X1 real officers training school in North Korea. Graduates of this school
are commissioned as officers in the Peace Preservation Corps. Graduates
of the other Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools are neither com-
missioned as officers nor do they receive the grade of any commissioned
officer.

[redacted] 14. Candidates for the Central Peace Preservation Officers School in Pyongyang
25X1 are usually selected from the outstanding students at the other so-called
Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools. Sometimes Peace Preservation
25X1 Corps Unit members who have demonstrated special ability and have passed
a special entrance examination are also selected as candidates for this
school.

[redacted] 15. Graduates of the Central Peace Preservation Officers School in Pyongyang
are assigned as officers in Peace Preservation Corps Units.

[redacted] 16. There are now 600 students enrolled in the Central Peace Preservation
Officers School in Pyongyang.

[redacted] 17. Only members of the Korean Volunteer Army and graduates of the Pyongyang
Central Peace Preservation Officers School are qualified to become members
of the staffs of Peace Preservation Corps Units.

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PYONGYANG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS OF THE PEACE PRESERVATION CORPS OFFICERS SCHOOLS

18. A Pyongyang District Headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools was recently established in the Sinri (新里) suburb of Pyongyang (平壤 125-44,39-01). The District Commander is LIU Chong. [redacted] Note: See paragraph 7). The Vice Commander is PAK Hye-sam (朴孝三), who is a graduate of the Military and Political School (軍政學校) in Yenan and was the head of the Military Department of the Korean Independence League in Yenan.

19. The Headquarters of the 3rd Regiment of the Pyongyang District Headquarters of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools is at Akwon (雄元). Note: [redacted] There is a Akwon District in South Sinuiju. Also previously reported by another American agency: The 3rd Training Unit of the Third Military District of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools, with headquarters at Pyongyang, is at Pongnyong-dong /? 125-46,39-00 or 125-30,40-12?/; the 3rd Training Unit of the First Military District of the Peace Preservation Corps Officers Schools, with headquarters at Kaechon /Kaisen/ /125-58,39-40/ is at South Sinuiju, a few kilometers from Sinuiju Proper).

20. Commanding Officer of the 3rd Regimental Headquarters is CHIANG Tok-sam (張德三). He was the commanding Officer of the 2nd group of the Korean Volunteer Army in Yenan.

21. The 3rd Regiment consists of three battalions. The Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion of the 3rd Regiment is O (吳), who is a graduate of the Military and Political School in Yenan and was a member of the Korean Independence League in Yenan. The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion is YU U-man (金宇滿). The Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion is YU Sang-kuk (李相國). O, KIM and YU returned to Korea from Yenan after V-J Day.

22. Some of the units of the 3rd Regiment are stationed in the former commercial middle school in South Sinuiju.

23. Units of the 3rd Regiment stationed in South Sinuiju are armed with rifles of the Japanese M-38 type. They also have 20 machine guns of the Soviet type and three trench mortars.

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Sinuiju Peace Preservation Corps Officers School

24. The Peace Preservation Corps Officers School in Sinuiju is divided into two sections. One section (? units of the 3rd Regiment mentioned in paragraph 22?) is located in the former commercial middle school in South Sinuiju. The other section of the school is in the wharf area of Sinuiju proper.

25. The length of the training course in the Sinuiju Peace Preservation Corps Officers School is six months. Infantry and artillery training is given. The school has three artillery pieces which are used in the training course. Military training is received during the daytime under the guidance of Soviet officers. Additional instruction, both military and political, is given by the Korean instructors attached to the school. Instruction in the Russian language is also given.

26. The head of the school is the Commanding Officer of the Special Service Headquarters of the Soviet Army in Sinuiju. Note: Previously reported:

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Lt. Col. Pimashint'ou /Chinese phoneticization/ is Commanding Officer of the Soviet Special Service /counter-espionage/ Headquarters in Simuiju.

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27. The Peace Preservation Corps Officers School in Simuiju was first known as the Political School. Two classes were graduated from this school and the third is now in training. Approximately 800 men and 100 women were trained in the first class when the school was still known as the Political School. Students of the first class were all volunteers. Students of the second class were persons with some formal education and had been recommended for the training by the Peace Preservation Corps Units and the political parties. Students of the third class were conscripted for the training. Most of the students in the third class, the present class, are from the villages in the Simuiju area.

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28. There are 3000 students in the present class in the Peace Preservation Corps Officers School in Simuiju.
29. Most of the graduates of the Simuiju School have been sent to the area around the 38th parallel for duty.

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